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SUBJ: POST CIEC FOLLOW-UP: WELLS/PETREE PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

1. IN REVIEWING CONSULTATIONS ON THIS TRIP AND ADDING TO THAT IMPRESSION FROM LDC DELEGATES AT GENEVA ECOSOC, I THINK WE CAN BE FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC THAT A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL MOOD ON NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WILL PREVAIL AT RESUMED SESSIONS AND CARRY FORWARD AS WELL TO 32ND GA. WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF INDIA, WHICH PLANS TO SPEAK OUT STRONGLY AT RESUMED SESSIONS CONCERNING RECENT EC QUOTAS ON TEXTILES (SEE OUR REPORT FROM NEW DELHI), WE FOUND A WILLINGNESS TO BUILD A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE AT RESUMED SESSION AS PRELUDE TO A CONTINUING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WITHIN UN SYSTEM. THE HOPE IS THAT "BALANCED" ASSESSMENT OF CIEC COULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RESOLUTION. AS I REPORTED FROM GENEVA, A NUMBER OF KEY G-77 COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE TO

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CONSULT WITH US IN NEW YORK WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR RESUMED SESSION.

2. THIS OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK NOTWITHSTANDING, I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT TWO POINTS. THE FIRST CONCERNS THE EXPECTATION OF INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO INDICATE WHICH SPECIFIC AREAS CAN MOST

FRUITFULLY BE DISCUSSED NEXT UNDER THE NEW DIALOGUE. OPINIONS VARY AS TO WHETHER THESE INDICATIONS GIVEN BY DEVELOPED OR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE STATED AT RESUMED SESSION OR IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE OF 32ND GA. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS CLEAR TO ME DURING MY CONSULTATIONS THAT LDC'S ARE LOOKING FOR INITIATING ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AS EVIDENCE OF COMMITMENT TO A CONTINUING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. THIS POINT WAS MOST VIVIDLY DESCRIBED TO ME BY BARCELO (MEXICO) IN A CONVERSATION I REPORTED FROM GENEVA.

3. THE SECOND POINT CONCERNS THE OVERVIEW BODY. THE G-27 PAPER THAT I SENT YOU FROM GENEVA WAS RATHER VAGUE ON THIS POINT BECAUSE IT REFLECTED A WIDE DISPARITY OF OPINIONS AMONG THE G-27. ON THIS TRIP IT HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR THAT THERE IS A STRONG RESISTANCE TO ANY RESTRICTED GROUP AS AN OVERVIEW BODY. THE PREVAILING VIEW IS SHAPING TOWARDS THE SECOND COMMITTEE AS THE OVERVIEW BODY. MY ARGUMENTS THAT A GROUP OPEN TO ALL 149 MEMBERS MIGHT BE UNWIELDY AND MORE PRONE TO POLITICIZATION WERE COUNTERED BY EXPLANATIONS THAT THE SECOND COMMITTEE IN PRACTICE HAS NEVER MET IN FULL MEMBERSHIP.

4. IN VIEW OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE A CONSOLIDATING STREAM OF SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE AS OVERVIEW BODY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT MY SUGGESTION MADE BEFORE LEAVING GENEVA. UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH THE SECOND COMMITTEE SOLUTION, WE SHOULD TAKE THE LEADERSHIP IN PRESENTING THE ECOSOC OPTION, THE ONLY OTHER OPTION WE HAVE FOR A "RESTRICTED" OVERVIEW BODY. CHANCES OF SUCCESS FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE ARE BY NO MEANS ASSURED AND WOULD ONLY BE VIABLE, IN MY OPINION, IF WE PREEMPTED THE COALESCING DURING THE 32ND GA OF A FIRM G-77 POSITION FAVORING THE SECOND COMMITTEE BY SUGGESTING THE ECOSOC OPTION AT THE RESUMED SESSION. THE ECOSOC OPTION IS POSSIBLE UNDER CURRENT RULES OF PROCEDURE. ITS TACTICAL VALUE LIES IN THE FACT THAT IT IS RELATED IN SPIRIT TO THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE AND HENCE MIGHT MOBILIZE THE SUPPORT OF THOSE KEY G-77 COUNTRIES DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE BEFORE THEY OPT FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE AS OVERVIEW BODY. AN EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR PREFERENCE, NAMELY AT THE RESUMED SESSION, WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO SHAPE THEIR VIEWS.

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